

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Number:

AA-2122

Name:

MD 480 over Bacon Ridge Br. #2072

The bridge referenced herein was inventoried by the Maryland State Highway Administration as part of the Historic Bridge Inventory, and SHA provided the Trust with eligibility determinations in February 2001. The Trust accepted the Historic Bridge Inventory on April 3, 2001. The bridged received the following determination of eligibly.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	
Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D	Considerations: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D <u>  </u> E <u>  </u> F <u>  </u> G <u>  </u> None
Comments: _____	
_____	
_____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>Anne E. Bruder</u>	Date: <u>3 April 2001</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>Peter E. Kurtze</u>	Date: <u>3 April 2001</u>

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY  
MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MHT NO. AA-2122

NAME AND SHA NO.: 2072

LOCATION

Road Name and Number: MD 450 over Bacon Ridge Branch  
City/Town: Crownsville (just west of Annapolis) X vicinity  
County: Anne Arundel

Ownership: X State    County    Municipal    Other

Bridge projects over:    Road    Railway X Water    Land

Is bridge located within designated district?:    yes X no  
   NR listed district    NR determined eligible district  
   locally designated    other  
Name of District   

BRIDGE TYPE

   Timber Bridge  
     Beam Bridge    Truss-Covered    Trestle    Timber-and-Concrete  
   Stone Arch Bridge  
   Metal Truss Bridge  
   Moveable Bridge  
     Swing    Bascule Single Leaf    Bascule Multiple Leaf  
     Vertical Lift    Retractable    Pontoon  
   Metal Girder  
     Rolled Girder    Rolled Girder Concrete Encased  
     Plate Girder    Plate Girder Concrete Encased  
   Metal Suspension  
   Metal Arch  
   Metal Cantilever  
X Concrete  
     Concrete Arch    Concrete Slab X Concrete Beam    Rigid Frame  
     Other      Type Name

**DESCRIPTION**

**Describe the Setting:**

Bridge #2072 carries MD 450 over Bacon Ridge Branch in Anne Arundel County, in Maryland's Coastal Plain or Tidewater physiographic region. MD 450 runs in a roughly east-west direction; Bacon Ridge Branch runs in a roughly north-south direction. Bridge # 2072 is located in a relatively undeveloped area north of US Route 50/301.

**Describe the Superstructure and Substructure:**

**(Discuss points identified in Context Addendum, Section C)**

Bridge #2072 carries two lanes of traffic over Bacon Ridge Branch. The bridge is a single-span concrete girder bridge measuring 36' in total length with a clear roadway width of 24', and is comprised of concrete girders, abutments, wingwalls, and incised concrete parapet walls.

The 1931 inspection report noted that the wingwalls had already cracked and separated from the abutments. Inspection reports dating to 1970, 1974, 1975, 1977, and 1980 noted spalling, surface erosion, and cracks in the wing walls.

A survey of historic concrete beam bridges undertaken by the Maryland State Highway Administration in the Fall of 1995 identified 113 bridges of that type located throughout the state. Slightly more than two-thirds (76) of that total were single-span bridges.

**Discuss major alterations:**

A 1991 vehicle accident also damaged the bridge. Emergency repairs to the deck and back walls were executed in 1995. The bridge is scheduled for possible replacement by the year 2000.

**HISTORY**

**When Built:** 1925

**Why Built:** Statewide road improvement programs and local transportation needs

**Who Built:** State Roads Commission, contract #AA 42

**Who Designed:** Unknown

**Why Altered:** The bridge was altered to repair severe deterioration to the deck and back wall.

**Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge building campaign?:**

**SURVEYOR ANALYSIS**

**This bridge may have NR significance for association with:**

☐ A (Events)   ☐ B (Person)   ☐ C (Engineering/Architectural Character)

**Was this bridge constructed in response to significant events in Maryland or local history?**

Road improvements in Anne Arundel County were fueled by several events occurring during the early twentieth century. First, the Good Roads Movement, which began in the last decade of the nineteenth century, aimed to improve primary roads throughout the state as well as multiple connecting roads between counties. As the movement progressed, numerous existing roads were widened, straightened, or graded, and many new bridges were built to carry the rebuilt roads. Second, rapidly increasing automobile, truck, and bus traffic also fueled the replacement of existing narrow and weak bridges with wider and stronger concrete structures, many of which were built according to standardized specifications and plans developed by the State Roads Commission (SRC). Third, the State Roads Commission established district engineering offices during the 1910s to aid in intrastate road development, and established a separate bridge department in 1920. This fostered construction of many concrete bridges throughout the state. In the 1920s, the SRC emphasized improving the safety and comfort of primary routes while developing secondary networks and feeder roads. By the 1930s, bridges that were originally deemed adequate had become unacceptable for carrying modern traffic loads and many new structures were built as a result.

**When the bridge was built, and/or given a major alteration, did it have a significant impact on the growth and development of the area?**

Bridge #2072 participated in the general trend toward upgrading state roads and bridges and improving intrastate access.

**Is the bridge located in an area which may be eligible for historic designation, and would the bridge add or detract from the historic and visual character of the possible district?**

No, the bridge is not located in an area which is eligible for historic designation.

**Is the bridge a significant example of its type?**

No, this structure is not a significant example of its type.

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**Does the bridge retain integrity of the important elements described in the Context Addendum?**

No, the bridge does not retain integrity of the primary character-defining elements of a concrete beam bridge. The character-defining elements for the superstructures of concrete beam bridges are the slab, the longitudinal beams, and the parapet or railing when integral. For the substructure, the character-defining elements are the abutments, piers, and wing walls. The back walls and deck underwent emergency repairs in 1995.

**Is the bridge a significant example of the work of the manufacturer, designer, and/or engineer, and why?**

No, this structure is not a significant example of the work of the State Roads Commission. The original drawings of this bridge date to 1925.

**Should this bridge be given further study before significance analysis is made, and why?**

No, this structure should not be given further study. Previous alterations place its integrity in doubt.

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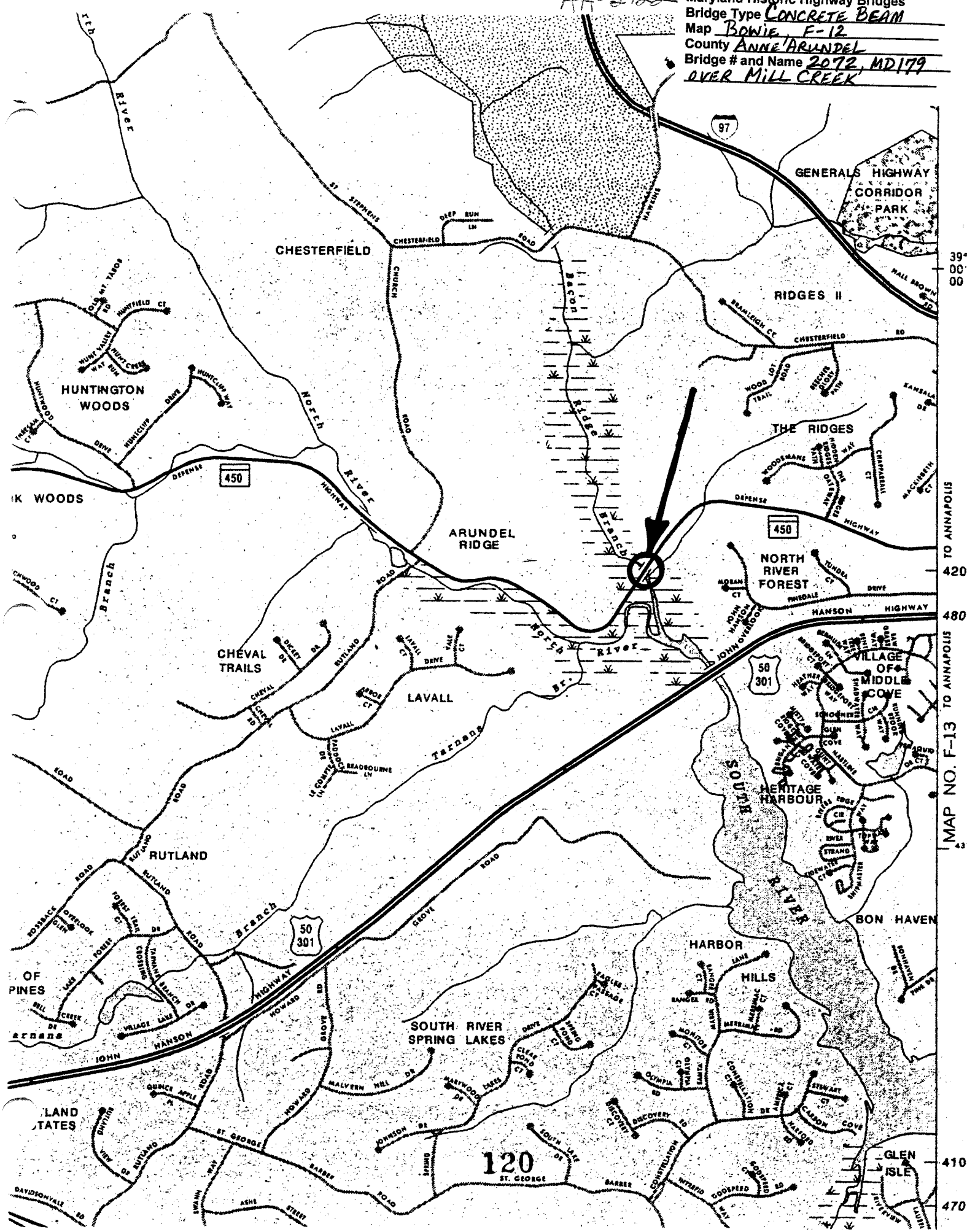
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**SURVEYOR INFORMATION**

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AA-2122 Maryland historic Highway Bridges  
 Bridge Type CONCRETE BEAM  
 Map BOWIE, F-12  
 County ANNE ARUNDEL  
 Bridge # and Name 2072, MD179  
OVER MILL CREEK





Inventory # AA-2122

Name 2072 - MD 450 OVER BACON RIDGE BRANCH

County/State ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY/MD

Name of Photographer WALLY KING

Date 11/95

Location of Negative SHA

Description EAST APPROACH LOOKING  
WEST

Number ~~20~~ of ~~23~~ 1 of 4





Inventory # AA 2122

Name 2072-MD 450 WER BACON RIDGE BRANCH

County/State ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY / MD

Name of Photographer WALLY KING

Date 11/95

Location of Negative SHA

Description WEST APPROACH LOOKING EAST

Number ~~21~~ of ~~23~~ 20 of 4



Inventory # AA-2122

Name 2072-MID 450 OVER BACON RIDGE BRANCH

County/State ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY/MD

Name of Photographer WALLY KING

Date 1/95

Location of Negative SHA

Description SOUTH ELEVATION

Number ~~22~~ of ~~23~~ 3 of 4



Inventory # AA-2122

Name 2072-MD-450 OVER BACON RIDGE BRANCH

County/State ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY/MO

Name of Photographer WALLY KING

Date 1/95

Location of Negative SHA

Description NORTH ELEVATION

Number ~~23~~ of ~~23~~ 4 of 4

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Structure No. 2072 Inventory Number: AA-2122

Address: MD 450 over Bacon Ridge Branch, Crownsville vicinity, Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Owner: Maryland State Highway Administration

Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project 2380202, Bridge Repairs to Bridge 2072 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff:    no X yes Name: Kelly Steele Date: 05/09/2000

Eligibility recommended    Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria    A    B X C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G X None

Is property located within a historic district? X no    yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?: X no    yes

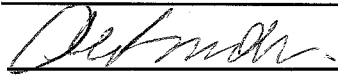
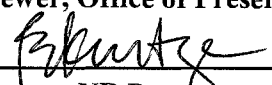
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Bridge No. 2072 was built in 1925 to carry MD 450 over Bacon Ridge Branch. The bridge is a single-span concrete girder bridge, measuring 36' in total length with a clear roadway width of 24'. It consists of concrete girders, abutments, wingwalls, and incised concrete parapet walls.

In 1995, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) undertook a survey of historic concrete beam bridges in Maryland and identified 113 of that type (slightly more than two-third of that total were single-span bridges). Following the inventory, SHA convened an Historic Bridge Committee to consider the National Register eligibility of these historic bridges. This committee determined that Bridge 2072 is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Some of the factors behind this decision include the lack of significance as an example of its type, the lack of integrity, and the lack of significance as an example of the work of the State Roads Commission. In addition, the bridge is not located in an area which is eligible for historic designation. The details of this eligibility consideration for Bridge 2072, under Criterion A, B, and C exist in the Maryland inventory of Historic Properties Inventory Form AA-2122.

Prepared by Kelly Steele Architectural Historian SHA

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <u>  </u>	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>X</u> C <u>  </u> D	Consideration <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D <u>  </u> E <u>  </u> F <u>  </u> G <u>  </u> None
Comments: _____	
 _____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>7/17/2000</u> _____ Date
 _____ Reviewer, NR Program	<u>7/21/00</u> _____ Date

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS****I. Geographic Region:**

- ☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
☒ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,  
Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,  
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

- ☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930- Present  
☐ Unknown Prehistoric  
☐ Unknown Historic

**IV. Historic Period Themes:**

- ☐ Agriculture  
☐ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,  
and Community Planning  
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
☐ Government/Law  
☐ Military  
☐ Religion  
☐ Social Educational/Cultural  
☒ Transportation

**V. Resource Type:**Category: StructureHistoric environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Transportation/Road-RelatedKnown Design Source: None



Mr. J. Rodney Little  
MD 450 over Bacon Ridge Branch

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Attachment IV: Eligibility Table

## ***Eligibility/Status Table***

**Project Name: MD 450 over Bacon Ridge Branch**

**May 17, 2000**

Resource	Type	SHA NR Determination	SHPO Opinion	Alternate	Attachment	Remarks
AA-2122 Bridge No. 2072	S	X				<b>Reviewed by the Historic Bridge Committee</b>

**Codes:**

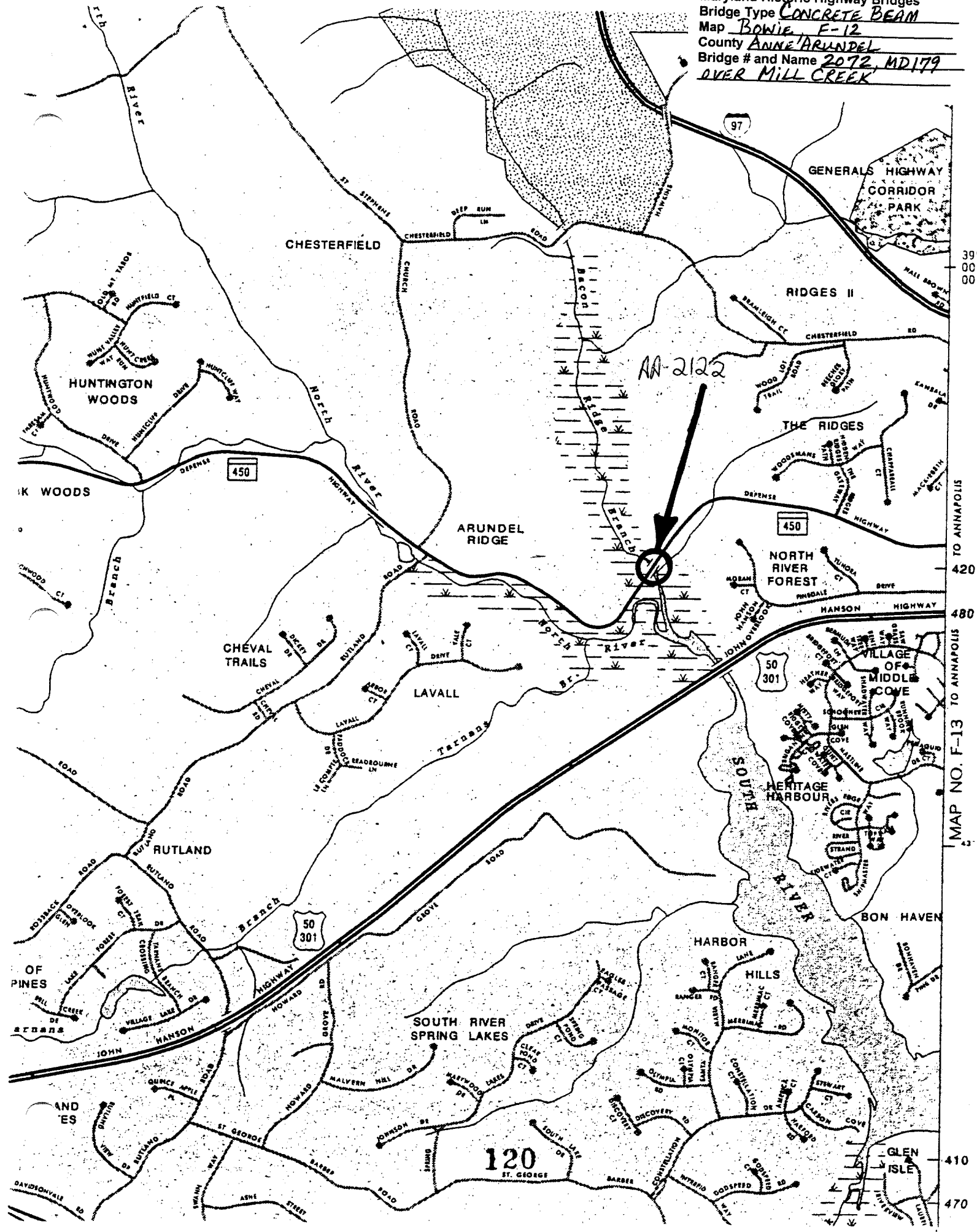
Resource Types: S (Structure), A (Archeological Site), HD (Historic District), NHL (National Historic Landmark)

NR Determination: ND (Not Determined), X (Not Eligible), NR (Eligible), NRL (Listed), NHL (Landmark)

SHPO Opinion: (B) designates opinion regarding boundary, Code following date signifies SHPO opinion

**Bold** rows indicate review action requested

Maryland historic highway bridges  
Bridge Type CONCRETE BEAM  
Map BOWIE F-12  
County ANNE ARUNDEL  
Bridge # and Name 2072, MD179  
OVER MILL CREEK



39° 00' 00"  
420  
480  
TO ANNAPOLIS  
MAP NO. F-13 TO ANNAPOLIS  
410  
470



1. AA-2122
2. Structure 0207200
3. AnneArundel County, MD
4. Kelly Steele
5. 5/11/00
6. MD SHPO
7. View of bridge from MD 400, facing west
8. 1 of 5



1. AA-2122
2. Structure 0207200
3. Anne Arundel County, MD
4. Kelly Steele
5. 5/11/00
6. MD SHDO
7. View of south side of bridge from MD 450
8. 2 of 5





1. AA-2122
2. Structure 0207200
3. Anne Arundel County, MD
4. Kelly Steele
5. 5/11/00
6. MD SHPO
7. View of north side of bridge from MD450
8. 3 of 5



1. AA-2122
2. Structure 0207200
3. Anne Arundel County, MD
4. Kelly Steele
5. 5/11/00
6. MD SHPO
7. View of Corp. side of bridge, water side
8. 4 of 5



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  2. Structure 0207200
  3. Anne Arundel County, MD
  4. Kelly Steele
  5. 5/11/00
  6. MD SHPO
  7. View of south side of bridge, water side
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